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1. THE USG HAS APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED THE TOKAI
ADVANCED SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY EXERCISE (TASTEX), THE US
DESIGNATION FOR US PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE
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TESTING OF ADVANCED SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE PNC REPROCESSING PLANT, AS AGREED DURING THE
FEBRUARY/MARCH 1978 MEETING IN JAPAN AND REPORTED IN
REFTEL A. WE HAVE RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE TASTEX PROGRAM
PLAN WITH A. VON BAECKMANN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF
DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS, AND OTHER IAEA
REPRESENTATIVES AND RECEIVED THEIR INFORMAL COMMENTS ON

THE PROGRAM PLAN AND ON HOW IAEA MIGHT PARTICIPATE. IN THE COURSE OF THESE AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS, VON BAECKMANN HAS INDICATED THAT ONLY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL CAN APPROVE IAEA ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE IN SAFEGUARDS DEVELOPMENT, IN VIEW OF THE IMPLIED COMMITMENT OF IAEA RESOURCES IN ACCEPTING SUCH OFFERS. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS ALSO INDICATED (PARA 2 OF REFTEL B) THE NEED FOR MORE

FORMAL INVITATIONS FROM THE USG AND GOJ FOR IAEA PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBJECT PROGRAM THAN HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN MADE TO THE IAEA.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE PLAN TO SEND TO THE DG A DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNED US WORK AS AN OFFER OF US ASSISTANCE TO THE IAEA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY, INVITING IAEA PARTICIPATION IN ALL OF THE US ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN THE SUBJECT PROGRAM. ACCEPTANCE BY THE DG OF THE OFFERED ASSISTANCE WOULD PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE BASIS FOR IAEA PARTICIPATION, INsofar AS US ACTIVITIES ARE CONCERNED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 OF THE AGREED MINUTE (PARA 2 OF REFTEL C) AND WILL BE IN LIEU OF THE BILATERAL US/IAEA RESEARCH AGREEMENTS SUGGESTED BY IAEA REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE FEBRUARY/MARCH MEETING (PARA 7 OF REFTEL C). IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT VON BAECKMANN PREFERENCES THE ABOVE APPROACH FOR THE US RATHER THAN RESEARCH AGREEMENTS.

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3. FOR VIENNA.

A. THE APPROVED PROGRAM PLAN FOR TASTEX IS BEING MAILED TO THE MISSION BY THE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS PROJECT OFFICE (ISPO). UPON RECEIPT, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE DG UNDER COVER OF A LETTER WITH THE FOLLOWING TEXT: "WITH REFERENCE TO OUR APRIL 4, 1978 LETTER CONCERNING CO-OPERATION ON ADVANCED SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PNC REPROCESSING PLANT, THE US GOVERNMENT OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO THE AGENCY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY AS DESCRIBED IN THE ENCLOSED PROGRAM PLAN. THE USG, FOR ITS PART, INVITES THE AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS PROGRAM. TO ASSIST THE AGENCY IN ITS PARTICIPATION, THE USG IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER FUNDING, THROUGH, THE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS PROJECT OFFICE, NECESSARY TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES FOR AGENCY STAFF OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EXPENSES THE AGENCY MAY PROPOSE IN CONNECTION WITH US TASKS UNDER THE PROGRAM."

B. MISSION SHOULD ALSO INFORMALLY ENCOURAGE IAEA TO

IDENTIFY ANY TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SAFEGUARDS AT TOKAI OR PROBLEM AREAS IN SAFEGUARDING REPROCESSING PLANTS IN WHICH ADDITIONAL US ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE USEFUL.

C. PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE AGREED MINUTE (REFTEL C) CALLS FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS OF A JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE AND MISSION SHOULD ENCOURAGE IAEA PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THIS COMMITTEE. WE ARE SUGGESTING THE FIRST SUCH MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE IAEA DURING THE WEEK OF

SEPTEMBER 25, 1978 AND THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SECRETARIAT VIEWS ON THIS SUGGESTION.

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A. THE APPROVED PROGRAM PLAN FOR TASTEX IS BEING MAILED TO NAKAJIMA AND THE EMBASSY. AS INDICATED ABOVE WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT GOJ INVITE THE IAEA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 OF THE AGREED MINUTE (REFTEL C). EMBASSY THEREFORE IS REQUESTED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF H. KURIHARA (STA) THE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF THE IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL TO RECEIVE A MORE FORMAL INVITATION FROM THE GOJ, AS WELL AS FROM THE USG, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOKAI ADVANCED SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. IN OUR VIEW THIS COULD BE A RATHER SIMPLE INVITATION ISSUED BY THE GOJ FOR GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 OF THE AGREED MINUTE. SUCH A GENERAL INVITATION WOULD COVER ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM NOT COVERED BY THE EXISTING GOJ/IAEA SAFEGUARDS RESEARCH AGREEMENTS FOR TOKAI. EMBASSY MAY SUGGEST WORDING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "JAPAN FOR ITS PART AND ON BEHALF OF THE US AND FRANCE INVITE THE IAEA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COOPERATION ON ADVANCED SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PNC REPROCESSING PLANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE ATTACHED AGREED MINUTE WHICH INCLUDES A PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION OF THIS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. AGENCY GUIDANCE WILL BE OF HELP TO THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN WORKING TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS OF TECHNIQUES FOR SAFEGUARDING REPROCESSING PLANTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE APPLICABILITY OF THESE TECHNIQUES TO THE PNC REPROCESSING PLANT AT TOKAI MURA."

B. PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE AGREED MINUTE (REFTEL C) CALLS FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS OF A JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE. EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST SUCH A COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD IN VIENNA DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, AND JUST PRIOR TO
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OCTOBER 2-6 IAEA SYMPOSIUM ON SAFEGUARDS. WEEK FOLLOWING SYMPOSIUM IS ALREADY PROPOSED FOR OTHER POSSIBLE SAFEGUARDS MEETINGS IN VIENNA. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF APPROPRIATE GOJ AND PNC OFFICIALS ON THIS SUGGESTION. VANCE

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